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the affairs of state. When, as one much younger in years and experience, I was entrusted by the Liberal party with its leadership at the Convention of 1919, Mr. Fielding was the first in that great gathering to propose unanimity in the Convention's choice. To Mr. Fielding's chivalrous action at that time, and to his <sup>helpful guidance</sup> ~~never-failing co-operation~~ thereafter, must be ascribed much of the success which has attended the subsequent fortunes of the Party, both at the polls and in Parliament.

Speaking in the House of Commons of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with whom he had been associated for a quarter of a century, Mr. Fielding gave tribute to his Leader in these words:

"He was a man who was honoured and admired by us all, and loved by those who knew him best."

When I say that no less can be said of Mr. Fielding himself, I believe I am expressing the sentiment, not only of his former colleagues and friends, but the universal opinion of the Canadian people. He has left behind him a record of devoted public service and irreproachable integrity, which have enriched beyond measure the public life of our country.

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